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In re Application of :  
Kato et al. :  
Application No.: 09/638,081 :  
Filed: August 14, 2000 :  
Attorney Docket No.: JA9-1999-0145.US1 :  
For: METHOD FOR PREVENTING :  
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**DECISION ON PETITION  
UNDER 37 CFR 1.137(b)**

This is a decision on the petition for revival of the above-entitled application under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed September 19, 2006.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to submit the issue fee in a timely manner in reply to the Notice of Allowance mailed November 30, 2005, which set a statutory period for reply of three (3) months. Accordingly, the above-entitled application became abandoned at midnight on February 28, 2006.

On September 19, 2006, applicant filed the petition for revival under 37 CFR 1.137(b) considered herein. The petition satisfies the conditions for revival pursuant to the provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b) in that it includes: (1) petition fee; (2) the required statement of unintentional delay, (3) the required reply in the form of the payment of the issue fee; and (4) a terminal disclaimer. Accordingly, the issue fee payment is accepted as having been unintentionally delayed.

The application is being referred to the Office of Publications.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned.

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